

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Vocabulary

PART 1

catalyst (noun) – a person or thing that precipitates an event

submissive (adj) – ready to conform to the authority of others; obedient

maverick (noun) – one who resists conforming to a group

acquiesce (verb) - to give in; agree without protest

apathy (noun) – lack of emotion or interest

atrophy (verb) – to waste away from lack of use

decrepit (adj) – worn out or ruined because of age or neglect

paucity (noun) – presence of something in insufficient quantity; scarcity

deference (noun) – a show of respect

derision (noun) – contempt; ridicule

PART 2

ambivalent (adj) – having contradictory ideas (feeling both love and hate)

emulate (verb) – to try to equal or excel, especially thorough imitation

astute (adj) – having ability to assess situations and people; clever

disparage (verb) – to speak poorly of

disparity (noun) – inequality

obstinate (adj) – stubbornly adhering to an opinion

pariah (noun) – outcast for being anti-social

tentative (adj) – not final; uncertain

ubiquitous (adj) – present, appearing, or found everywhere

scintillating (adj) – sparkling or shining brightly; clever or skillful